

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

'I am the alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty.

As Christians we know that Jesus has already come and that every day we are called to live our lives *through him, and with him, and in him*, yet every year our Mother the Church invites us to prepare anew for his coming at Christmas. This is really not all that surprising since we celebrate other events in our lives in much the same manner. We do this with birthdays and wedding anniversaries, for example, and we prepare in a special way for visitors we are expecting, the more important the visitor the more thorough our preparations. We refresh every part of the house, we clean the china and polish the silver, and we make sure all the dust bunnies are vacuumed away. Everything must be ready.

So too in our spiritual lives - we prepare for the great events and the memorializing of these great events in a special way. We want to be sure that our interior self, our most innermost self, the self that is created *in the image of God*, is ready to receive Jesus once more as we celebrate his birth at Christmas. Advent is that time of expectation, of preparation and of joyful readying. It is a holy time, a time to *keep alert, keep awake* (1st Sunday), to *prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight* (2nd Sunday), to *exult in my God* who comes to save us (3rd Sunday), and to say with Blessed Mary, *'Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your will.'* (4th Sunday). There is a rhythm to the season of Advent, an increase in expectation as the great event draws near, and we pray that there will be a steady increase in our receptiveness for the One whose birth we await, the One we will invite into our lives in a deeper way.

So while we make all the other preparation for Christmas, the gift buying (a delight and a challenge), the house cleaning (not sure about this), the meal planning (making sure we include everyone's favourite), the parties (always in moderation), and so on, and so on, we make sure that we are attentive to our interior preparation. We can pick up and follow one of the books of daily meditations for Advent, we can set aside some time for prayer and meditation on the great gift of Jesus becoming one of us, we can take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (December 7, 6:30 p.m. at Holy Family, December 10, 2:00 p.m. at St. Bernard's, December 18, 7:00 p.m. at St. Augustine's), and we can use devotionals such as the Advent wreath and any other prayer/activity of our choosing. The important thing is **to prepare**.

For the coming week, we can think about, meditate on the messages of this Sunday's readings:



O Lord, you are our Father, ...we are all the work of your hand (Isaiah);

so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians);

'And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.' (Mark)

May our time of expectation, of preparation and of joyful readying be fruitful for each of us and for Christ's Church.

Rev. Charlie Broderick



December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent



Saint Augustine's
340 Dominion Street
Moncton, NB



Saint Lawrence O'Toole
2340 Route 115
Irishtown, NB



Our Lady of Mercy
11 St. Andrews Street
Pointe-du-Chêne, NB

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

Priest-Moderator:

Rev. Allison Carroll

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Rev. Laurence Quin-Morris

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Liturgy:

Claire Hachey

Justice and Solidarity:

Marilyn McCleary

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE—HEURES DES MESSES

St. Augustine's: Friday—12:00 noon
Saturday—4:00 p.m.; Sunday 11:00 a.m.

St. Lawrence O'Toole: Sunday —9:00 a.m.; dimanche—9h00

Our Lady of Mercy: Saturday 7:00 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS LITURGIES INSIDE

Parish Office: 340 Dominion Street, Moncton, NB E1C 6H8

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Faith Development-Children:

Eileen Caissie

eileen.caissie@qasmoncton.com

St. Lawrence O'Toole Cemetery:

Linda Evans 389-9300

Ray of Hope Needy Kitchen: 857-4224

Meals served: Monday to Friday 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 857-2088

Clothing Depot Regular Hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Daily Readings

Monday Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11, 13

Tuesday Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday Isaiah 25:6-10; Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday **Memorial: St. Ambrose**
Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday **Solemnity: The Immaculate Conception**
Genesis 3:9-15,20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

Saturday Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5,6-8

Sunday **Second Sunday of Advent**
Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8



QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS SENIORS GROUP extends an invitation to Seniors and Retirees for an afternoon of socializing, board games or cards on Monday, December 11th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The elevator will be available for this gathering which is held in the Fr. Peter McKee room in St. Augustine's Church basement. For information, contact Debbie at 384-8431.



In order for bulletin inserts to be included in the weekend bulletins, information must be received by the parish office, in written form, by **NOON ON TUESDAY**.

The Gentlemen of Harmony Barbershop Chorus, female a cappella ensemble Riversong, The Harrison Trimble High Vocal Ensemble, and award winning male quartets "Gale Force" and "Seventh Wave" will warm the cold winter night as they present **VOCAL MAGIC**, Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the Riverview Arts Centre. Tickets are available now and would make a great Christmas gift for parents, grandparents or other music lovers on your list. Visit www.riverviewartscentre.ca or call 871-9657. \$25.35 advance/\$28.23 at the door, all taxes and fees included.

2018 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES for St. Augustine's parishioners are available for pick up at the church entrance. Please remember to include your name and donation amount on the envelopes to ensure proper credit. Please contact the parish office if a box has not been assigned to you and you wish to receive envelopes, or if there are any changes required to your information.

PLEASE NOTE
All contributions for income tax purposes for 2017 must be received by the parish office prior to the New Year.

TAGS FOR TOYS—Trees are up with tags for boys and girls of all ages at St. Augustine's. Parishioners may select a tag, purchase an age appropriate gift and bring it unwrapped to the boxes provided near the trees **no later than December 17th**. Volunteers from the St. Vincent de Paul Society are coordinating this project in conjunction with the Salvation Army and will ensure the toys are distributed to children from our area in time for Christmas.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	2	4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	St. A OLM	Late Alphonse LeBlanc Late Elizabeth Clements	Wife and Family Muriel and Marion
Sun	3	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. L O'T St. A	Late May Northup Late Paul Ouellet	Arthur Northup Faye Poirier and Family
Tues	5	12:00 noon	St. A	Late Agnes Rafferty	Dolores LeBlanc & Family
Fri	8	12:00 noon	St. A	Late Ed Biddiscombe	Mercia and Family
Sat	9	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Fred and Mary Swift, Mathilda and Susan Fahey	Lindsay and Eileen Fahey and Family
Sun	10	7:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	OLM St. L O'T St. A	Late Marie Lea LeBlanc Late Noreen Cassidy Late Mike Gould	Odette and Family Al and Shirley Baglole Cindy and George Mayo

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: **\$3,229.00** (178 env.); Loose: **\$649.00**; Building Fund: **\$145.00** (10 env.); All Souls: **\$15.00** (2 env.); Needy at Christmas: **\$335.00** (9 env.); Pre-Authorized Payments: **\$530.00** (15 env.).



Saint Lawrence O'Toole: Envelopes: **\$995.00** (38 env.); Loose: **\$127.45**; Christmas Boxes: **\$340.00** (14 env.); Craft Sale Fundraiser: **\$731.50**; Memory Box ticket Sales: **\$91.00**; Pre-Authorized: **\$30.00** (2 env.).

Our Lady of Mercy: Envelopes: **\$592.00** (29 env.); Loose: **\$126.95**; Candles: **\$69.00**; Heating: **\$60.00**; Missals: **\$30.00**; Pre-Authorized: **\$20.00** (1 env.).

Thank you for your continued generosity!

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE CHRISTMAS BOXES DONATION ENVELOPES are available at the back of the Church. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to help needy families in our community during the upcoming Christmas season.



Sunday Missals for the new liturgical year are available at the parish office.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERS—the \$25.00 annual membership dues may be dropped in the weekend collection in an envelope clearly marked with your name and **CWL DUES**, or pay at December's **CHRISTMAS GATHERING** being held at the Sports Rock, 1855 Mountain Road this Tuesday, December 5th, 6:00 p.m. There will be a money basket available at the Christmas gathering, with all donations given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.



Parishioners wishing to contribute **FLOWERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON** in memory of loved ones may do so by placing a donation in an envelope with your name and the name of the loved ones you wish to have remembered. Memorials will be published in the bulletin at Christmas time.



Saint Lawrence O'Toole's **SOCK TREE** continues to collect warm socks for all ages. Please help decorate and hang them on the tree. A basket is also available for mittens and hats. All articles will be distributed to the needy.

From the Offices of Faith Development, Liturgy and Youth Faith Development

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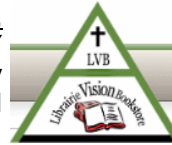
Deb at liturgymoncton@gmail.com



ADVENT PHOTO CHALLENGE 2017—Join us as we take a photographic journey through Advent towards Christmas. You can post as many photos as you want, providing they follow the designated theme for the day/week. For more information, follow the youth office at **#YouthFaithMoncton** in Instagram and check out the daily challenges. People of all ages are encouraged to participate—not on Instagram? Snap pics anyway and share on Facebook or Twitter with the @youthfaithmoncton hashtag. For more information, contact Trevor at trevord.diocese@gmail.com, or PM the youth office on Instagram.

EMMANUEL, GOD WITH US: understanding incarnation in light of the Universe Story—Take time this Advent to truly prepare for Christmas, by joining Sr. Denise Lirette, f.j. on Tuesday, December 12th at Holy Family, Falkland Avenue, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. as she explores the significance of darkness and light in our lives and in the Universe, particularly as we note the birth of Jesus as a significant event in the history of humanity *and* the Universe and truly the Light that shines in the darkness. Pre-registration is necessary and may be done by contacting Ellen

Visit **VISION BOOKSTORE** at 45 York Street, (Diocesan Centre) next Saturday, December 9th between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to take advantage of a **ONE DAY ONLY CHRISTMAS SALE** where most in stock books and CDs will be reduced by 10%. Information: www.visionbookstore.ca **NOTE:** A large selection of books will also be reduced to \$1.00.



CHURCH UNPLUGGED—SAINT ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY



Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity (Riverview) will be hosting two Advent events for young people and their families. Families from any parish in the diocese are encouraged to register with Karen at 387-4198. **The cost for both events is for each family to bring non-perishable food items.**

KEEPSAKE CHRISTMAS (for families with children of all ages up to Grade 5). Join us on Sunday, December 17th from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to create your own nativity set as you hear the story of Jesus' birth. This session will take place at the Dan Bohan Center, but spaces are limited so contact Karen asap.

A Christmas Carol (2009) (for families with children aged 10+). Come to our family movie night on Friday, December 8th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m, as we watch Disney's 2009 animated version of *A Christmas Carol*. This movie will be shown in the basement of Immaculate Heart of Mary church, and the movie contains scenes which may be frightening to some children.

St. Lawrence O'Toole families needing assistance for Christmas time can call Barb Cormier after 6:00 p.m. in the evenings to register for a **CHRISTMAS BOX**. Deadline to contact Barb at 342-0411 is December 14th.



QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS PARISH

Tuesdays

1:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's: **Adoration and Rosary**

Thursdays

7:00 p.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **Adoration, Silence, Prayers for Vocations**

Sunday, December 3rd

10h00—Saint Lawrence O'Toole: **Session de Famille**

Tuesday, December 5th

6:00 p.m.—**St. Augustine's Catholic Women's League Supper**

Sunday, December 10th

9:15a.m.—St. Augustine's: **Faith Development**

10:00 a.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **English Family Session**

12:15p.m.—St. Augustine's: **Faith Development**

Monday, December 11th

1:00 p.m.—St. Augustine's Church basement: **Seniors and Retiree Gathering**

6:30p.m. St. Augustine's: **Confirmation Gathering**

Tuesday, December 12th

6:30p.m.—St. Augustine's: **Faith Development**

Sunday, December 17th

10:00 a.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **Goodie Sunday**

Tuesday, January 19th

10:00 a.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **St. Lawrence O'Toole Local Pastoral Council**



Recently the following children were welcomed into our Christian Family through the **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

St. Augustine's
Lincoln Arthur Alpee LeBlanc
son of Thomas and Jessica

Audrey Bella Marie McIsaac
daughter of Christopher and Sarah

Brayden Jay Milton
son of Bradley and Amanda

Cash Fenway Richard
son of Serge and Deana

Samuel Bradley White
son of Jonathan and Amber

Our Lady of Mercy
Emmie Colleen Ancheta
daughter of Hector and Michelle

Michaela Ramos Jamero
daughter of Augusto and Gina

AC Tattao
son of Randy and Christina

May the example of their parents, Godparents and all of us lead these children to a greater love of God

A couple in the Kendra Street area are in need of a drive to masses at St. Augustine's. If you would like to help them out, please contact the parish office.



Advent is the beginning of a new year, a new start.

PRAYING THE ROSARY—During Advent, the Rosary will be prayed at St. Lawrence O'Toole at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday prior to the regular weekend liturgy.

EVENING PRAYER will be celebrated at St. Bernard's each Thursday during Advent at 7:00 p.m.

During Advent, **MASS** will be celebrated Tuesdays at 12:00 noon at St. Augustine's.

Our Sacred Space Christian Meditation Community invites you to join them for a time of silence, being in the Presence of God, through Jesus and the Holy Spirit who dwells within us Friday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Day Chapel at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Call Dianne, 386-6094 for information.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Thursday, December 7th	Holy Family	6:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 10th	St. Bernard's	2:00 p.m.
Monday, December 18th	St. Augustine's	7:00 p.m.



4th Weekend of Advent

Saturday, December 23rd	4:00 p.m.	St. Augustine's
	7:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Mercy
Sunday, December 24th	9:00 a.m.	St. Lawrence O'Toole
	11:00 a.m.	St. Augustine's

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24th	4:00 p.m.	St. Augustine's
	7:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Mercy
	7:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence O'Toole
	10:00 p.m.	St. Augustine's

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25th	11:00 a.m.	St. Augustine's
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Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30th	4:00 p.m.	St. Augustine's
	7:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Mercy
Sunday, December 31st	9:00 a.m.	St. Lawrence O'Toole
	11:00 a.m.	St. Augustine's

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, December 31st	4:00 p.m.	St. Augustine's
	7:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Mercy
Monday, January 1st	9:00 a.m.	St. Lawrence O'Toole
	11:00 a.m.	St. Augustine's

QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS FAITH DEVELOPMENT

St. Augustine's Faith Development families will gather in the church basement:

Level 1-3	9:15 a.m.	Session #7	Sunday, December 10th
Level 4-6	12:15 p.m.	Session #7	Sunday, December 10th
Level 4-6	6:30 p.m.	Session #7	Tuesday, December 12th

La **SESSION DE FAMILLE** à St. Lawrence O'Toole pour les familles francophone est cédulé au sous-sol de l'église dimanche, le 3 décembre à 10h00.

English **FAMILY SESSIONS AT ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE** will be held Sunday, December 10th at 10:00a.m.

A **GATHERING FOR ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** will be held in St. Augustine's Basement on Monday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Dear Birthright Friends,

Birthright Moncton has been offering distressed pregnant women support, friendship, resource information, and practical help, in other words a gentle loving alternative to abortion, since 1976.

These women still need support but a lot has changed in 41 years – information is available online, attitudes to abortion are radically different, single motherhood is better accepted and there are more government resources to help young families. Therefore, Birthright must change too.

As of February 28, 2018 Birthright will continue to be available to the women who need our help by keeping a phone line so they can reach us, but our office space will close. We will advertise our services and still be part of Birthright International. Since our financial needs will be lessened and our storage space curtailed we will no longer be seeking financial or clothing donations.

We are proud of having helped thousands of mothers and babies, we feel privileged to have known some lovely, strong young women at an important time in their lives and we appreciate all the wonderful people who have given us their moral and financial support.

Thank you.

Katharine Perri
Director